

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

GERRIT J. KEESMAN

Serial No. 08/901,338

Filed: CONCURRENTLY



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PHB 33,946B

Group Art Unit 2713

Ex. A. RAO

BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN VARIABLE BIT-RATE COMPRESSION SYSTEM
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted in response to the
outstanding Office Action dated June 30, 1999 where the Examiner
rejected claims 1-12 and 14, all of the pending claims. Entry of
this Amendment and reconsideration of the rejections in view of the
following remarks is respectfully requested.

The rejection under 35 USC Section 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 and 14, as being anticipated
over Kirayama on the grounds that both the present invention and
Kirayama disclose an inverse relationship between buffer write-in
bit rate (B1) and buffer read out bit rate (B2). Applicant
respectfully traverses this rejection on the grounds that Kirayama
does not disclose a relationship between B1 and B2 but if such a

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